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(e) whether it is a fact that the Superintendent of the General Hospital, Madras, has placed orders for steel shelvings and almirahs and surgical cabinets for the new extensions of the General Hospital with firms in England?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have not the information.

(c) Yes.

(d) The Government have not the information.

(e) No.

Registration

Selection of non-graduates as sub-registrars.

* 297 Q.—Rao Sahib B. Venkataramayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state under what circumstances are non-graduates selected for the posts of sub-registrars in the Registration department and on what ground, for instance, Mr. C. Ramachandra Prasad was chosen as a sub-registrar?

A.—Under the Madras Registration Subordinate Service Rules, the minimum qualification for admission to that service is the possession of a Secondary School-Leaving Certificate. As Mr. C. Ramachandra Prasad had the requisite qualification, he was appointed to that service.

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"What are the special reasons which induced Government to make an exception in this case from the general rule that only graduates should be appointed as sub-registrars?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"There is no rule that only graduates should be appointed as sub-registrars."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"At any rate they have been following such a convention. What are the special reasons to make them depart from this convention?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"Government is not the appointing authority in this case."

Veterinary Department

Admissions to the Madras Veterinary College.

* 298 Q.—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of applications received for admission to the Veterinary College, Madras, and the number selected for admission;

(b) how many Brahmans, Muslims, Vannikula-Kshatriyas, and depressed classes were selected respectively; and

(c) how many Vannikula-Kshatriyas applied?